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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ASAD'S UNHAPPINESS OVER PROSPECTS FOR SC RESOLUTION

REF: DAMASCUS 0186

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. I AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD SUGGEST TO YOUR BUSINESSMAN SOURCE THAT HE DISCUSS WITH ASAD, WITHOUT REPEAT WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION TO USG, THE ADVANTAGES OF ENDING SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE WITH NO REPEAT NO RESOLUTION. WE AGREE WITH HIS ANALYSIS OF PROBABLE SOVIET MOTIVES. IN ADDITION TO POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL, YOU COULD SUGGEST HE MAKE POINT TO ASAD THAT US IS VERY SERIOUS ABOUT PEACE-MAKING EFFORT. BUT IF USG IS GOING TO PURSUE THESE EFFORTS AFTER SC MEETING, IT NEEDS BEST POSSIBLE ATMOSPHERE, AND CAN DO SO MUCH MORE EFFECTIVELY IF BOTH IT AND AREA GOVERNMENTS ARE UNENCUMBERED BY THE KIND OF SECRET

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CONFRONTATIONAL ATMOSPHERE WHICH DESPITE EVERYONE'S

BEST EFFORTS COULD BE PART OF THE AFTERMATH OF A U.S.
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